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CODE

¶1. (U) A four-member U.S. Coast Guard team visited Taiwan July 17-21
under the International Port Security Program to examine Taiwan's
implementation of the International Maritime Organization's
International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code. The team
consisted of Pacific Area Inspections/Investigations Branch Chief
Stephen Danscuk, Port Security Assessment Specialist Gregory Blake,
LCDR Yuri Graves and LCDR Richard Kavanaugh. The team met with
Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) and Taiwan
Coast Guard officials in Taipei and visited the harbors of Keelung,
Taichung and Kaohsiung.

¶2. (SBU) The Coast Guard team's preliminary findings indicate
Taiwan's ports are substantially implementing the ISPS Code. It saw
room for improvement in Keelung where the older harbor facilities
are bordered on all sides by urban areas. However, it identified
several best practices in each of the Taiwan facilities. The team
gave MOTC officials an abbreviated informal report of its findings.
A more formal report will be delivered to the Taiwan authorities in
the next three to four months.

¶3. (U) This telegram was cleared by U.S. Coast Guard LCDR Richard
Kavanaugh.

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